

Federal Highway Administration

**MD 97 BROOKEVILLE PROJECT
FROM SOUTH OF GOLD MINE ROAD TO NORTH OF HOLIDAY DRIVE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/
SECTION 4(F) EVALUATION**

Submitted pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), 49 U.S.C. 303, and CEQ Regulations (40 CFR 1500 et seq.)

*US Department of Transportation and
Federal Highway Administration*

*Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration*

Cooperating Agencies:

US Army Corps of Engineers
US Environmental Protection Agency
US Fish and Wildlife Service

J. P. Seaborn
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
Division Administrator

5/11/04
DATE

A. V. Vennema
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
Director, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering

5/10/04
DATE

The following persons may be contacted for additional information concerning this document:

Ms. Denise W. King
Environmental Specialist
Federal Highway Administration
City Crescent Building
10 South Howard Street, Suite 2450
Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: (410) 779-7145
Hours: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

Ms. Cynthia Simpson
Deputy Director
Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Mailstop C-301
Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone: (410) 545-8500 or (800) 548-5026
Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

The purpose of the project is to remove the continually increasing traffic volumes from the Town of Brookeville in Montgomery County, improve traffic operations and safety on existing MD 97, and preserve the historic character of the town. The project area extends approximately two miles from south of Gold Mine Road to north of proposed Bordly Drive. The proposed action considered four new alignment alternates (one east of Brookeville-Alternate 5C; and three west of Brookeville-Alternate 7, Alternate 8A, and Alternate 8B). All new alignment alternates were designed for a two-lane, undivided, limited-access highway extending approximately from MD 108 to Holiday Drive. Alternate 7 was subsequently modified to minimize environmental impacts. Alternate 7 Modified is SHA's Selected Alternate. Impacts to social, cultural and natural environmental resources, which may result from selection of Alternate 7 Modified, are discussed in this document. Also presented are potential measures for mitigating these impacts.